

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OVERHAUL FACILITIES FOR BMPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether even after 24 years of the first induction of the Infantry Combat Vehicles (BMP-I and II) overhaul facilities for these BMPs have not been fully established;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to establish complete set of equipment/machinery needed for overhaul at Army Base Workshop?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Overhaul facilities for BMP-I vehicles have been established at Army Base Workshop, Kirkee since 1997. Overhaul facilities for BMP-II are yet to be established.
- (b) The overhaul facilities for BMP-II were originally to be established with the help of the erstwhile USSR. However, due to break up of the Soviet Union and high cost of the project, it was decided to set up the overhaul facilities in India without Russian help. Being first project of its kind in the country, time is being taken to establish the facilities.
- (c) Steps have been taken to indigenise the spares (6800 spares in range) required for overhaul. Technical specifications and complete designing of major Plant & Machinery and Specialist Equipments and related civil works for the establishment of overhaul facilities for BMP-II are under preparation.